## **Market Research: Critical Input to Exchange Success**

Market Research Areas	Questions Every State Should Be Able to Answer	
COMPETITION	<ul> <li>□ Which issuers are in the individual and small group markets?</li> <li>○ In which service areas?</li> <li>○ Are they likely to participate in Exchanges in current services areas? In new ones?</li> </ul>	
	☐ Which geographic areas are most in need of additional competitors?	
	☐ What additional players might enter local markets (e.g., national issuers, Medicaid MCOs, integrated provider networks, CO-OPs)? What are the barriers for them doing so?	
COVERAGE	☐ What are the current levels of enrollment in health coverage by category (e.g. individual, Medicaid)? In 2014?	
	☐ What are the demographics of people less likely to enroll in 2014 (e.g. age, income, geography)?	
	☐ Which distribution channels are best suited to respond to new populations in 2014?	
	☐ What is churn estimated to be in 2014 (e.g. between sources of coverage, issuers, provider networks)?	
COST	☐ What are the estimate premiums by product level (e.g. silver)? After subsidies? Total Out of Pocket after cost sharing reduction?	
	☐ How will premiums vary by demographic (e.g. age, geography)? Compared to previous premium levels?	
	☐ Where is there vulnerability to adverse selection?	

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PROVIDER ACCESS	<ul> <li>□ What is current provider access?         <ul> <li>○ By provider types (e.g., primary care, specialists, facility)?</li> <li>○ By geographic areas?</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ What is utilization projected to be in 2014 and beyond as more consumers have access to insurance?         <ul> <li>○ Potential impact on provider capacity?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
QUALITY & INNOVATION	<ul> <li>□ What are the current quality reporting requirements or standards for issuers in your State (e.g., HEDIS measures, NCQA accreditation)?</li> <li>□ How else will your State monitor and identify gaps in quality (e.g., # of complaints, # of appeals, disenrollment, and consumer satisfaction) in 2014?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Will existing consumer assistance programs meet future customer needs?</li> <li>Are consumers using current report cards? (e.g., number of web site hits)?</li> <li>Do consumers find this information helpful? How can it be improved?</li> <li>What kind of reporting will new Exchange consumers want or need?</li> </ul>

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